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For: GAS DETECTING ELEMENT AND GAS
DETECTING DEVICE SUITED FOR SAME

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2008 in the above-captioned case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.